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NON-AVAILABILITY OF SPACE AT HYDERABAD AND NEW DELHI AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the inconveniences caused to the passengers due to non-availability of space in the airports of Hyderabad and New Delhi;

(b) if so, the action being taken to improve the situation;

(c) whether there has been heavy loss of time and money due to flights hovering around Hyderabad and New Delhi due to non-availability of landing facility at the airports;

(d) if so, the details of the loss incurred during the last six months; and

(e) the steps being taken to avoid such losses?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a):- Yes, Sir.

(b):- At Hyderabad Airport, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has undertaken the augmentation of capacity of existing Terminal Buildings by expanding the security hold area and international arrival lounge apart from expansion of the aprons to accommodate 13 regular parking stands and 5 night parking stands at a time. This has significantly improved the situation.

At Delhi Airport, to meet the near future passenger demand, Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) is building a new Domestic Departure Terminal which will be completed by mid -2008. DIAL is also expanding the Domestic Arrival Terminal.

(c)&(d):- Yes, Sir. However, some airlines do not maintain details of delays due to landing restrictions which lead to additional fuel burn. It is, therefore, difficult to workout the loss on fuel consumption due to traffic congestion.

(e):- Corrective steps taken in this regard at Delhi airport include simultaneous use of both runways during the peak period, improved Air Traffic Control (ATC) procedures, restriction on general aviation aircraft movement, commissioning of rapid exit taxiways and parallel taxiways etc. As regards Hyderabad, a new Greenfield airport is under construction which would be operational in April 2008. Hence further expansion of the existing airport is not being considered.